



In Loving Memory Of Odell Jenkins

Sunrise: January 25, 1929

Sunset: November 2, 2012

Services: 1:00 PM

Saturday, November 10, 2012

Dominion Faith International Church

Pastor George Beasley

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Odell Jenkins was born to Joseph and Epsie Earlean Jenkins on January 25, 1929. Three children were born from this union, Odell, Jezebel and Cecil. Cecil departed this life in 1969.

Odell met Gavina Landon, the love of his life, while serving in the Armed Services during WWII in the Philippine Islands. They were united in holy wedlock June 1, 1948, at the end of his tour in Angeles, Pampanga. They migrated to St. Louis, Missouri. From this union five children were born: Eveline Hall, Patricia Little, Winston, Alex and Randy Jenkins of Sacramento, CA. A son from a former relationship Vlad Stevens of Foxborough, MA.

In 1968, the family moved to San Francisco, California. He was employed by United Airlines for 20+ years working as a Storekeeper until his retirement in 1989. While at United, Odell was heavily involved with the Black Caucus. He was instrumental in getting the law changed regarding the hiring practices for minorities. That law is called the "Consent Decree". The federal law is still in effect today. This law opened the door for many minorities who are currently working at UAL today.

Odell was very civic minded. In the 70's, he instituted a clothes and canned food drive for the children of Biafra, Africa well before it became "fashionable". He had a soft spot in his heart for children who were less fortunate. After retirement, he volunteered his time at the Police Activities League (PAL) to help those children with whatever he could.

Odell was an avid reader. Give him a good book and he wouldn't put it down until it was finished. He also loved to play cards and his specialty was Bid Whist. Throw down the wrong card and your name was mud! He also had a deep appreciation for good jazz; Miles Davis, Cannonball Adderley, Wes Montgomery and Horace Silver were just a few of his

favorites. We woke up to this music on many a Saturday morning-whether you wanted to or not. Odell didn't start this life as a Christian, but during the last years of his life, he found the Lord. He participated with his children in a weekly bible study and was an active participant. God is good!

He will always be remembered for his quick wit, his love of Kangol caps, impeccable dress, manicured hands and ever-present toothpick!

His devoted wife Gavina preceded him in death in December 1987. Left to mourn his passing are his sister, Jezebel Green of St. Louis, Missouri, his six children: his stepchildren: Henry Hill of Daly City, CA; Lina Fajilagutan and Norma Cantora of San Francisco, CA; and Oscar Cantora of Pinole, CA; 27 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren; his daughters-in-law Deborah and Vanessa Jenkins, a host of nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

Prelude	Pastor George Beasley
Scripture Reading	Randy Jenkins
Special Music	A and B Selection
A Time of Remembrance	Araminta Dade
Eulogy	Pastor George Beasley



"The Twenty Third Psalm"

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Thank you for your many kind deeds and consoling words during the passing of our loved one. Every thoughtful gesture and show of concern is deeply etched in our memory and will always occupy a place in our hearts. If during this period of grief we have overlooked anyone, may we extend our sincere gratitude.

God Bless You

-THE JENKINS FAMILY